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Police Department Conducts "Shoulder Tap" Operation

Riverside, CA – On May 05, 2016, The Riverside Police Department VICE Unit conducted a "Shoulder Tap" operation in the City of Riverside.

The "Shoulder Tap" operation is designed to address adults who illegally purchase alcohol for minors. This operation was conducted with minors under the supervision of vice detectives. The minors were placed to the front of "Off-Sale" establishments and would solicit customers to purchase alcohol for them. The minors were instructed to make clear to the adult that they were too young to buy alcohol themselves.

The operation focused on four locations and was conducted over a four-hour period. A total of 13 customers were contacted with three purchasing alcohol for the minors. The customers who purchased the alcohol were arrested, cited and released. One subject was booked into jail for an outstanding parole violation.

Adults arrested for purchasing alcohol for minors could face up to a \$500.00 fine, up to 36 months of probation, jail time and/or community service. This project is part of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's Education and Teen Alcohol Enforcement Program Grant, funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

